

Sunday, December 15, 2024
ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00 AM

Mr. Timothy Flynn * Pastor

Carolyn Lansing * Organist & Choir Director

(*People Stand If Able)

Please mute your cell phones

PRELUDE *(Time for quiet reflection & meditation)*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT: Christmas Grace-Traditional

By: Douglas Wagner

COME, LET US WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Zephaniah 3:14

SENTENCES

Philippians 4:4-7

(with Congregational Response)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

SALUTATION

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid, for the LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation."

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day: "Give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.".....Grace

Mercy and Peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Hymn #144 "How Great Our Joy"**

Responsive Reading: Luke 3:15-18

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, **John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So with many other exhortations he proclaimed the good news to the people.

***GLORIA PATRI #622**

PRAYER (in Unison):

God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN #138 “Go Tell It On The Mountain”**

***ANTHEM “Christmas Isn’t Christmas”**

By: Jimmy & Carol Owens

***OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY**

***DOXOLOGY #625 (found in the back of the hymnal)**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Advent week 3- Joy

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:39-45

Message: “Joy”

***HYMN #135 “While Shepherds Watched Their
Flocks By Night”**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

AMITY REFORMED CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

*“Our mission is to grow into the people God created us to be in
Jesus Christ through Worship, Service and Fellowship within our
congregation and our community.”*

TODAY AT AMITY

Today's Greeter:

Mark Hill

COMING UP AT AMITY

Sunday, December 15, 2024 Caroling & Pizza Party 4:00 PM

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 29, 2024 Congregational Mtg

Pastor Tim is available for pastoral calls. You can contact him at (518) 334-0408.

**** Current Elders; Dan Cargill, Jean Hill, Patty Knowlton & Barb Sauter.

**** Current Deacons; Debbie Bango, Jane Cargill, Carolyn Lansing & Will Shippey

**** Weekly Donations Needed For The Backpack for Kids is an on-going program. If you are interested in helping to support this please reach out to June Lee in person or at 518-371-7879 ****

***** Nominated Slate for Elders & Deacons of 2024:
Peiter Lansing & Deb LaRose for Elders and
Mark Hill & Dan Cargill for Deacons*****

Boy Scout Troop 30 meets every Wed. @ 6:45 pm in Chapel Hall
Girl Scouts meet on Thurs. @ 6:30 in Chapel Hall

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE DEACONS

Offering from December 8, 2024

Program	\$712.00
Benevolence	\$100.00
REntal Income	\$40.00
Special Income	\$100.00
Miscellaneous	\$53.00
Total:	\$1,005.00

Monthly Mission:

RCA, General Humanitarian Problems

“Feed One”

Make a gift to Feed One to help address hunger and support sustainable agriculture worldwide.

www.rca.org/give/feed-one-care-network

hello@rca.org

This Week's Prayer List

(Please have prayer requests sent to the office no later than Thursday to be added to the list)

The Lee Family, Kathy Whitehead, Clara and her family, Doug Gould, Johnny & Judy Cranfield, Kim, Art, Miss Millie, Mariah, Bob Shippey, Brittany Hernandez, Joe & Donna Flynn, Emily & Family, Georgia Beatty, Bill LaRose, Pastor Kent, Pastor Heather, Family & Friends of Holly Companion, Unspoken, World Unrest, Our Military & 1st Responders